

National First Peoples Platform on Climate Change.

- Supported through the Climate Systems Hub of the Australian Government's National Environmental Science Program (NESP)
- 2 Indigenous-led, co-designed Gatherings for First Nations peoples from across Australia were held to celebrate, learn from and enhance First Peoples-led climate action .
- 2018 - National Indigenous Dialogue on Climate Change @ Barmah on Yorta Yorta Nation Country.
- 2021 - National First Peoples Gathering on Climate Change @ Cairns (Gimuy) on Gimuy Walubara Yidinji and Yirriganjdi country
- First Indigenous authors on the State of the Environment – Climate Change Chapter
- Adaptation Forum 2023 – Montreal
- 2023 Participating in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) Pacific Regional Gathering
- 2024 - National First Peoples Gathering on Climate Adaptation (tentative) @ Dubbo on Wiradjuri Nation Country.



CO-DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- First Peoples-led
- Understanding that there are many peoples, many cultures
- Including Traditional Owners from the start (and all the way through)
- Building (and being prepared to maintain) trusted relationships
- Appreciating different timelines
- Ensuring free, prior and informed consent
- Respecting the provision and ownership of traditional knowledge and Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP)
- Identifying benefits to country and community
- Ensuring we are giving as well as taking
- Remembering that connection to Country is forever
- Reflective learning
- Reciprocal



Barmah Lakes – Barmah National Park

2021 First Nation Peoples Statement on Climate Change

We, the participants attending the Gathering, acknowledge the voices of the Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji and Yirraganydji, whose lands we meet upon in 2021. Building on the 2018 statement from First Peoples on Yorta Yorta land, we as First Nation Peoples of Australia recognise that overwhelmingly scientific and traditional knowledge is demanding immediate action against the threats of climate change.

We at the Gathering are calling for the following: Indigenous-led adaptation planning for communities and the recording and transmission of knowledges and experiences across the country.



National Indigenous Dialogue on Climate Change participants @ Barmah National Park on Yorta Yorta Nation Country.



National First Peoples Platform on Climate Change Steering Committee -2022 -2024

- Western Australia – Bianca McNear (post May)
- Northern Territory –
- Queensland – Samarla Deshong
- New South Wales – Jason Wilson
- Australian Capital Territory –
- Tasmania – Learnna Langworthy
- Victoria – Damian Morgan-Bulled
- South Australia – Glen Wingfield
- Torres Strait Islands – Hilda Mosby
- Youth – Djarra Delaney
- Indigenous Desert Alliance – Peter Murray



Four thematic co-designed activities were developed for the 2021 First Peoples Gathering on Climate Change

- Extreme wets and extreme dry
- Tropical Cyclones & - Sea-level rise
- Extreme Heat & Bushfires
- Marine Heatwaves